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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 SHAVONDA HAWKINS, on behalf of
12 herself and all others similarly situated,
13 Plaintiff,
14 v.
15 THE KROGER COMPANY,
16 Defendant.

Case No.: 3:15-cv-02320-JM-AHG

**ORDER MODIFYING HEARING ON
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO
COMPEL TO BE TELEPHONIC**

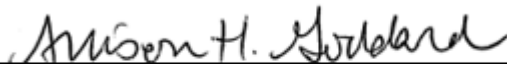
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18 On February 18, 2020, the Court granted Defendant's request for a hearing on
19 Plaintiff's Motion to Compel (ECF No. 88) and set a motion hearing for April 8, 2020 at
20 9:30 AM before Magistrate Judge Allison H. Goddard in Courtroom 3B of the Edward J.
21 Schwartz United States Courthouse. ECF No. 111. On March 17, 2020, Chief Judge
22 Larry A. Burns issued an Order in response to the COVID-19 public emergency ("CJO
23 #18") which, among other things, affords judges discretion to conduct court proceedings
24 by telephone or video conferencing where practicable to protect public safety and prevent
25 the spread of COVID-19. See CJO #18 at ¶ 4.

26 Because the motion hearing is expected to consist of oral argument from counsel,
27 without any witness testimony or need for presentation of physical evidence, and being
28 sensitive to the need for defense counsel to travel from Los Angeles, the Court finds it

1 prudent to exercise its discretion here and **MODIFY** the motion hearing to be **telephonic**.
2 The motion hearing will still be held on the record. To facilitate this modification,
3 counsel are **ORDERED** to call the chambers teleconference line at **1-877-873-8018** and
4 use access code **8367902** to appear for the hearing on **April 8, 2020** approximately ten
5 minutes before the scheduled start time of **9:30 AM**. Prompt appearances are vital to
6 ensuring that any technical issues can be efficiently addressed without significantly
7 delaying the hearing.

8 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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10 Dated: March 19, 2020

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12 Honorable Allison H. Goddard
13 United States Magistrate Judge
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